(b) whether any steps have been taken to keep a balance between autonomy and accountability in the administration of public sector and administrative expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has received a Report of the Sub-Group of Consultative Committee of Parliament attached to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions on Cost effectiveness in Public Sector.

(b) Government have been continuously endeavouring to keep a balance between autonomy and accountability in the adminstration of public sector and administrative expenditure.

Telephone exchanges in Tirunelveli and Tuticorin Districts

3198. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleassed to state:

(a) how many telephone exchanges are there in Tirunelveli and Tuticorin revenue districts of Tamil Nadu as on date; of them how many are rural exchanges;

(b) what is the capacity of urban exchanges;

(c) how many applications are on the waiting list in each urban exchange for connection, categorywise and how many are pending for more than two years and what are the future expansion plans of each of these urban exchanges;

(d) how many connections were given in each of these exchanges during the last three years, categorywise and yearwise; and

(e) how many more rural exchanges are to be set up in near future and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Information is appended in the statement (See below);

(c) and (d) Information is given in the Annexure *See* Appendix [CXLVII, Annexure No. 123]

(e) Two more rural exchanges *viz.*

(i) Burkitmanaga; and

(ii) Chettikurichi are planned to be set up in these districts during 1988-89.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of District	Total Number of Exchanges	No. of rural exchanges	Capacity of urban exchanges
1	Tirunelveli	58	45	8115 lines
2	Tuticorin	50	34	8820 Do.

Setting up of Electronic switch factories

3199. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any plan to set up more electronic switch factories in the country to meet the target of providing a public telephone in every village by the year 2000 A. D.;

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan to set up more electronic switch factories in the country and what would be the production targets;

(c) whether Government are going ahead with the proposed project for manufacturing cellular or car telephones; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir The capacity of the existing production units and these already envisaged are expected to meet the requirements.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Invitation to private U.S. companies to invest in India

3200. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited leading private companies of USA to invest in India in the field of chemicals, petrochemicals and high technology area: and

(b) if so ,what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Minister of Industry and Secretary (Chemicals and Petrochemicals) visited USA in May, 1988 with a view to highlighting India's industrial policy and the opportunities available in India in chemicals, Pharmaceutical and Petrochemical Sectors.

Technology mission in Telecommunications

3201. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what improvements have been affected as a result of the launching of technology mission in Telecommunications;

(b) what has been the investment on technology mission so far; and

(c) whether there has been commensurate results in the working of the telephone system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Considera-ble improvements have been achieved as a result of the launching of Technology Mission in Telecommunications. Some of the important ones are:

(i) Improvement in Call Success Rates;

(ii) Reduction of telephone faults;

(iii) Increased trunk efficiency;

(iv) Faster delivery of telegrams; and

(v) Induction of electronic exchanges in rural areas.

(b) The investment on Technology Mission activities forms an integral part of the plan expenditure of the Department.

(c) Yes, Sir.

बिहार में कुछ दूरभाष केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण

3202. श्री अश्विनी कुमार : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान पटना से प्रकाशित होने वाले 18 जून, 88 के 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में प्रकाशित 'दरभंगा' तहरिया सराय टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की हालत खराब", शीर्षक के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ,

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इन केन्द्रों के उचित रख-रखाव तथा उपभोक्ताओं की सुविधा के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच हैं कि पटना शहर की टेलीफोन सेवा की हालत दिन प्रतिदिन खराब हो रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पटना टेलीफोन सेवा की कार्यप्रणाली में सुधार करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं या उपाय करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) दरभंगा, लहरिया सराय स्थित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों के रखरखाव और आंतरिक और बाह्य उपस्कर की गहन जांच और दोषों को दूर करके उनकी सेवाओं में सुधार के लिए आवश्यक कार्यवाही कर ली गई है। दरभंगा में अधिकारी